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This year, I sponsored Senate Bill (SB) 1421 (Margett) to establish a pilot program in Los Angeles County to identify, investigate and prosecute fraud in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 CalWORKs Child Care Programs. On March 21, 2006 this Board took action to support SB 1421 and instructed the County's Sacramento Legislative advocates to pursue the County's position on this measure. While SB 1421 was not taken up in the last legislative season, the absence of consistent quality control and fraud mitigation efforts in the Stage 2 and 3 programs remains very much an issue of concern.

I believe that the County should expand its advocacy scope in Sacramento to pursue all possible legislative avenues to implement meaningful quality control measures to detect and deter fraud in CalWORKs Stage 2 and Stage 3 Child Care Programs. This effort should include but not be limited to seeking enactment of child care fraud measures through the State Budget process.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the County's Sacramento Legislative advocates to expand the scope of the County's legislative advocacy efforts to include but not be limited to seeking enactment of enhanced quality control and fraud mitigation measures in the CalWORKs Stage 2 and Stage 3 programs through the State Budget process.

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